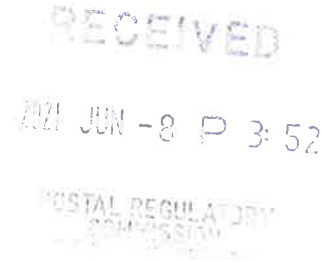


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Hon. Michael Kubayanda
Chairman Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Ave NW Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001
Re: Docket number: MC2021-78



May 1st 2021

Dear Chairman Kubayanda,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the impact of moving bound printed matter parcels from the Market Dominant to the Competitive Product category. I know this will dramatically increase the rates for flyers and books that are mailed to schools and that those additional costs will ultimately be passed on to those purchasing books - students and their families.

I teach a Montessori class at the Young World Day School in Mahway, New Jersey and although as a private school, there are less barriers to reading for the families I serve, I am very aware that many children throughout the United States, do not have access to affordable books which the bound printed matter rates provide.

Many of my colleagues, as Scholastic Book Clubs partners, earn and use Bonus Points to build a classroom library of books for their students: low-cost but high-quality books to encourage a love for reading. In my classroom, they are vital in supporting emerging readers and laying the foundation for a love of learning that will impact their success in all areas of life.

The pandemic has already had a tremendously negative consequence on most of the children in the United States. As educators, we know that the impact on learning and literacy is profound and will be long-lasting and many of us have continued teaching person-to-person, to continue our vocation of touching hearts, minds and souls.

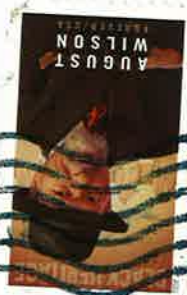
The increase in mailing costs of educational materials will make access to children's literature even more difficult. I urge you to deny this transfer, or to exempt educational materials as the impact of this change for our schools would be too high a cost to bear.

Sincerely
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